Development in PoK

3335. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many pockets in PoK including northern areas are in ferment;

(b) if so, whether Government are paying or is going to pay more attention to the question.of monitoring and analysing developments and trends in Pakistan controlled region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. Government are aware of reports that disturbances have taken place in many areas of Pakistan occupied Kashmir including the Northern Areas.

Government closely monitors all developments that have an impact on the country's security. Government also remains firm in its resolve to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and territorial integrity.

Guidelines Regarding use of Hindi by Diplomats

3336. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any guidelines regarding the use of Hindi by our diplomats/official Delegations with foreign meetings/delegates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when was these guidelines issued to our Missions last;

(d) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for this purpose; and

(e) if so, last report thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Instructions have been issued by the Department of Official Language that whenever officials and Indian Delegations go abroad if they use Hindi in conversation with their colleagues and counterparts it will enhance the prestige of the country.